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MEMORANDUM FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Subj: Substance of Telephone Conversation Between DepUndSecState
and the Chief of Naval Operations - TRIPARTITE PLANNING

1. Mr. Robert Murphy, the Deputy Under Secretary of State, called Admiral Burke, the Chief of Naval Operations, on 17 June 1959. As agreed during the Joint Chiefs of Staff Meeting on 18 June 1959, the general substance of the foregoing telephone conversation is reported as follows:

a. Mr. Murphy made the following report: There has been a great deal of planning concerning the possible contingencies which might develop as a result of the current Berlin situation. Some of this planning is currently being conducted on a TRIPARTITE (U.S., U.K. and FRENCH) basis under the general supervision of General Norstad in his capacity as Commander in Chief U.S. Forces, Europe. Two or three messages have been received from Secretary Herter in Paris requesting that TRIPARTITE planning proceed more expeditiously. The Secretary of State reported that relationships with both the French and British would be more comfortable if such planning were in the most advanced stage.

b. Mr. Murphy requested that: The Joint Chiefs of Staff request that General Norstad proceed expeditiously with TRIPARTITE Planning.

c. Admiral Burke reported that: The request would be placed before the Joint Chiefs of Staff on 18 June 1959.

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